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E.O. 11652: GDS 12-31-79  
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SUBJECT: COUNCIL OPERATIONS AND EXERCISE COMMITTEE (COEC)  
MEETING 12 JULY 1973

REF: A. USNATO 2899  
B. USNATO 2693  
C. STATE 106625 (NOTAL)  
D. USNATO 3130 (NOTAL)  
E. STATE 132440 (NOTAL)

1. AT MEETING JULY 12, POSTPONED FROM JULY 10, COEC  
ADDRESSED SURVIVABILITY OF THE NATO HQ AND FAILURE OF THE US  
DSCS II SATELLITE.

2. SURVIVABILITY OF THE NATO HQ. FRENCH REP (BRESSARD) SAID  
HIS AUTHORITIES FAVORED CONSTRUCTION OF A SURVIVABLE  
HEADQUARTERS IN BRUSSELS AND A PLAN FOR AN ALTERNATIVE  
COUNCIL, WHICH COULD BE IN WASHINGTON. FRG REP (PETERS) TOOK  
ESSENTIALLY SAME POSITION. US REP (TUCKER) MADE BRIEF  
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STATEMENT DRAWING ON REF A. US LETTER (REF B AND C) WAS  
NOT DISCUSSED IN DETAIL, BUT COMMENTS WERE INVITED.  
WE ARE PLEASED THAT WP/86 IS TO BE RE-DRAFTED BY THE  
IS (VINCENT) TO MAKE IT MORE OBJECTIVE, AND THAT WE WILL BE GIVEN

AN OPPORTUNITY TO GO OVER IT IN DRAFT.

3. FAILURE OF THE US DSCS SATELLITE (REF D AND E). DESPITE SUPPORT BY ALL REPS EXCEPT BELGIUM, WHO RESERVED UNTIL LATTER, AND BY ALL THREE MNC REPS, HOFMAN (NETHERLANDS) DISAGREED WITH PROPOSAL TO REACTIVATE NATO SATCOM II. MAIN DUTCH POINT WAS THAT PRESENT PEACETIME SECURE VOICE REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT SO URGENT AS TO JUSTIFY EXTRA FUNDING. SHAPE REP SAID ACTIVATION OF NATO-2 SATELLITE NOW WAS A LESS COSTLY ALTERNATIVE AND WAS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ALLIANCE. HOFMAN CALLED FOR CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR RESTORING SECURE VOICE COMMUNICATIONS, POINTING TO OUTLOOK FOR CONTINUING PEACEFUL INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE AND ABSENCE OF AMBASSADORS IN AUGUST. MATTER WAS NOT SETTLED AND CHAIRMAN (MACBRIEN) COMMENTED THAT QUESTION MAY HAVE TO BE REFERRED TO DPC. MCAULIFFE

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